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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF TELEX SERVICE AT THE 1974 SPRING CANTON

TRADE FAIR

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1. HK CABLE AND WIRELESS MANAGER SUART INFORMS US THAT THE NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLE LINKING HONG KONG AND CANTON WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY THE APRIL 15 OPENING OF THE 1974 SPRING CANTON TRADE FAIR. SUART DOUBTS, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE WILL HAVE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF TELEPRINTERS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO MAKE TELEX SERVICES AVAILABLE TO BUSINESSMEN. CABLE AND WIRELESS HAS OFFERED TO LEND THE CHINESE EQUIPMENT AND WILL OFFER AGAIN NEXT SPRING, BUT SUART BELIEVES THE CHINESE WILL CONTINUE TO REFUSE SUCH ASSISTANCE. IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL, THEREFORE, THAT NCUSCT WOULD BE ABLE TO LEASE A LINE OR MAKE SPECIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO US BUSINESSMEN IN CANTON.

2. THE NEW CABLE WILL ALSO INCLUDE A VASTLY INCREASED NUMBER OF TELEPHONE LINES AND THESE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY BUSINESSMEN ATTENDING THE FAIR.

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